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Sales of hunting licenses during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945 soared to 8,190,901 in number and to \$15,512,252 in revenue collected, representing the largest number of hunters during the war period, according to a report submitted today to Acting Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

A summary based on figures supplied by the various states showed that the increase in licenses sold during the 1944-45 season amounted to 685,643 while fees were augmented by \$1,965,100, in comparison with the previous year when sportsmen spent \$13,547,152 for 7,505,258 hunting licenses.

Although travel restrictions and the rationing of gasoline and tires were still in effect during the season, non-resident hunting licenses jumped from 107,686 in 1943-44 to 154,363 in 1944-45.

In revenue received Pennsylvania led all other states with \$1,395,841. Michigan was second in line with \$1,198,437, followed by South Dakota with \$1,087,122; California, \$913,307; New York, \$854,827; Ohio, \$669,256; Wisconsin, \$617,857; Washington, \$511,268; Colorado, \$510,888; and Illinois, \$473,339.

South Dakota manifested the most remarkable increase in revenue when it jumped from tenth place with \$465,602 in 1943-44 to third place in 1944-45 with the receipt of \$1,087,122 in license fees. Non-resident licenses numbered 45,755.

In 1943-44 the "big ten" in revenue included Pennsylvania with \$1,367,473; Michigan, \$1,104,410; New York, \$821,706; California, \$705,579; Wisconsin, \$624,894; Ohio, \$623,014; Washington, \$540,230; Minnesota, \$483,012; Colorado, \$479,789; and South Dakota, \$465,602.

In number of licenses sold during 1944-45, Michigan topped the list with 784,604, followed by Pennsylvania with 607,096; New York, 545,299; Ohio, 523,040; Indiana, 398,903; Minnesota, 328,057; California, 319,410; Illinois, 300,144; Wisconsin, 298,478; and Washington, 287,167.

Federal migratory-bird hunting stamps, commonly called "duck stamps", were issued to 1,479,465 sportsmen for use during the 1944-45 season. An additional 7,564 stamps sold by the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C. brought the total sales to 1,487,029, the highest figure on record to that date. During the 1943-44 season 1,164,191 duck stamps were sold. The Federal stamps at \$1.00 each in addition to state licenses are required of all waterfowl hunters over 16 years of age.

The appended tabulation summarizes by States the number of hunting licenses and duck stamps issued and the revenue collected.

# HUNTING LICENSE AND FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES

July 1, 1944, to June 30, 1945

State	Resident	Non-Resident	Total Licenses	Fees Paid by Hunters	Federal Duck Stamps
Alabama	107,198	679	107,877	\$ 191,209	7,226
Arizona	39,128	967	40,095	104,729	5,534
Arkansas	61,546	2,999	64,545	139,644	26,451
California	316,863	2,547	319,410	913,307	117,507
Colorado	223,671	3,292	226,963	510,888	24,884
Connecticut	33,531	328	33,859	105,471	9,506
Delaware	15,017	239	15,256	20,492	3,916
Florida	67,614	752	68,366	230,681	18,828
Georgia	56,369	725	57,094	121,674	3,928
Idaho	125,586	1,223	126,809	169,826	25,484
Illinois	298,434	1,710	300,144	473,339	69,891
Indiana	398,066	837	398,903	309,640	24,462
Iowa	224,928	1,185	226,113	210,026	44,339
Kansas	101,525	327	101,852	105,978	39,750
Kentucky	76,191	594	76,785	139,553	5,772
Louisiana	121,767	2,718	124,485	139,427	45,455
Maine	107,379	8,442	115,821	246,073	12,407
Maryland	80,013	3,077	83,090	230,224	14,039
Massachusetts	83,767	1,308	85,075	160,967	21,616
Michigan	776,637	7,967	784,604	1,198,437	90,265
Minnesota	327,460	597	328,057	468,401	115,415
Mississippi	95,126	873	95,999	200,754	10,313
Missouri	228,069	1,027	229,096	348,796	41,354
Montana	99,472	822	100,294	182,003	26,298
Nebraska	138,468	2,620	141,088	161,405	34,843
Nevada	12,268	4,241	16,509	89,438	6,239
New Hampshire	59,713	5,433	65,146	135,219	4,231
New Jersey	124,098	1,768	125,866	250,357	24,609
New Mexico	32,327	2,843	35,170	176,640	6,654
New York	540,399	4,900	545,299	854,827	46,475
North Carolina	113,554	2,424	115,978	238,237	12,002
North Dakota	54,831	1,972	56,803	131,547	30,551
Ohio	521,951	1,089	523,040	669,256	22,987
Oklahoma	120,360	918	121,278	177,623	32,442
Oregon	137,012	1,952	138,964	455,970	42,203
Pennsylvania	593,123	13,973	607,096	1,395,841	34,322
Rhode Island	9,002	152	9,154	21,898	3,535
South Carolina	63,028	2,341	65,369	137,372	6,237
South Dakota	91,984	45,755	137,739	1,087,122	46,203
Tennessee	130,318	794	131,112	138,567	13,941
Texas	145,682	466	146,148	304,382	99,638
Utah	86,909	3,694	90,603	302,098	20,868
Vermont	44,295	3,502	47,797	92,679	3,965
Virginia	149,188	2,626	151,814	233,609	13,169
Washington	286,909	258	287,167	511,268	77,740
West Virginia	178,404	1,247	179,651	191,249	1,873
Wisconsin	297,309	1,169	298,478	617,857	75,208
Wyoming	40,049	2,991	43,040	216,252	8,446
*District of Columbia					1,694
UNITED STATES	8,036,538	154,363	8,190,901	15,512,252	1,474,716
Alaska					4,430
Hawaii					96
Puerto Rico					223
TOTALS	8,036,538	154,363	8,190,901	\$15,512,252	1,479,465

\*Does not include sales of 7,564 stamps by the Philatelic Agency.